



FELBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month (except January & August)
at 7.30pm in Felbridge Village Hall

28th May 2026

Cllr. Jeremy Clarke (Planning Chairman)
Cllr. Stephen Hall (Chairman)
Cllr. Bridget Huntington
Cllr. Ian McBryde

Cllr. Jane Groom
Cllr. Alex Horwood (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr. Nigel Lea

Cllr. Lesley Steeds (County & District Councillor)
Cllr. Nicola O'Riordan (District Councillor)
Cllr. Sir Nicholas White (District Councillor)

The next meeting of Felbridge Parish Council will be held on **Thursday 4th June 2026** at 7.30pm in the **Committee Room** at Felbridge Village Hall. The first ten minutes will be made available for members of the public to raise matters of local interest or concern.

A G E N D A

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**
- 3. APPROVE MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held Thursday 7th May 2026
- 4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Actions taken or information to be shared since the last meeting
- 5. ONGOING ITEMS - Updates**
 - (i) Surrey Highways Grass Verge Cuts for 2026
 - (ii) Maintenance - Update
- 6. FINANCE**
 - (i) Budgeted/Approved Payments:**
 - Payroll May
 - Bus Shelter Cleaning May
 - Temporary Toilet Hire May
 - Felbridge Village Hall – Annual Hire Charges
 - Biannual Email Domain Registration Fee
 - Office Expenses
 - Planter Refresh Expenses
 - (ii) Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2025-26
 - (iii) Approval of Accounting Statements 2025-26
 - (iv) Review of Internal Auditor Report

- (v) Review of Allocated Reserves
- (vi) Funding Request from Kent Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance
- (vii) MSDC Developer Funding - Update

7. **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS** Actions taken or information to be shared since last meeting
8. **REPORTED ISSUES:** Surrey Highways | Surrey Rights of Way | Tandridge District Council
9. **PLANNING**
 - (i) **Applications for this period**
 - 2026/494 81 Copthorne Road, Felbridge, East Grinstead, Surrey, RH19 2PB**
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling (renewal of permission TA/2023/470)
 - 2026/335 Copthorne Stud, Effingham Road, Copthorne, Surrey, RH10 3HY**
Erection of outbuilding for dog exercise (Outline application for Access, Appearance, Layout and Scale)
 - 2026/440 Hedgecourt House, Copthorne Road, Felbridge, Surrey, RH19 2QQ**
Proposed removal of an existing pitched roof to form a terrace, 2 storey front extension, single storey front infill extension and 1st floor roof alteration to form 1st floor extension to improve the layout of a detached family home.
 - (ii) **Applications for Neighbouring Authorities**
10. **MSDC DEVELOPMENT** – Update on applications on or near the Felbridge Border
11. **CLERK'S REPORT** Action taken and correspondence
12. **FELBRIDGE RECREATION GROUND**
Existing use and initial discussion on potential future use (report attached)
13. **BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING**
14. **DATES OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL AND PLANNING MEETINGS**

Patricia Slatter
Clerk to Felbridge Parish Council

FELBRIDGE RECREATION GROUND

Report on meeting with officer from Tandridge District Council Asset Management, 28 May 2026

The officer confirmed that a Sussex based Football Club are currently renting sessions on the Felbridge Recreation Ground from Tandridge District Council (TDC) on a month by month basis for use for children or women's football. The number of sessions is thought to be four a week but this will be confirmed. Both the use, and user profile, appears to have increased over the past months.

While discussions have taken place, **no lease has been granted.**

TDC's priorities for assets are to generate revenue and/or reduce costs and to keep spaces available for anyone to use.

The officer stated they do not consider it necessary to consult with Parish Councils or local residents.

The officer has no issue with potentially leasing the Felbridge Recreation Ground to a Sussex based football club. They were made aware that when SCC denied funding to Felbridge Cricket Club, one reason given was that too many of their members were from Sussex.

The Felbridge Recreation Ground is a Queen Elizabeth II Field in Trust, so permission is required before a lease could be granted. Minutes of the TDC Strategy & Resources Committee from 26th March 2026 record that such applications for permission are costly and time consuming.

TDC had previously stated that a benefit of issuing a lease would be that an application for FA funding could be submitted. It was acknowledged that the maximum FA funding would be £12.7K, over six years, and require the full sized pitch to be retained for the minimum ten year duration of the lease.

The officer regards the Felbridge Recreation Ground to be a TDC facility rather than a Felbridge facility. As such, they would not take into consideration the issues below which have been raised by Felbridge Parish Council as specifically having a negative impact on Felbridge residents:

- FPC have already secured £148K in developer funding to provide new facilities and improvements in Felbridge for kickabout sport. The Recreation Ground is the only suitable location. Retaining a full-sized football pitch would leave insufficient space.
- Increased traffic and roadside parking is already a problem
- Use for residents and existing users would be restricted if the number of football sessions were to increase
- The impact of over-development on the Felbridge border will continue to impact parking and increase demand for limited open spaces

FPC prioritises the protection of Felbridge's resources and environment to the benefit of Felbridge residents. The new East Surrey Council will replace existing District Councils in April 2027. As the year progresses, there will be more information regarding the new Council's policies and priorities. The two councillors representing Felbridge on East Surrey Council from April are Cllr. Lesley Steeds and Cllr. Nicholas Greenfield. Cllr. Steeds remains as District and County Councillor for Felbridge.

Once TDC provide information on any proposed lease, and MSDC confirm the schedule and process for release of developer funding, further reports will be issued. Options for asset transfer will also be considered..

Clerk to Felbridge Parish Council, 29 May 2026